Security arrangements for Shri Rajiv Gandhi

206. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security arrangements for the former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, have been scaled down substantially; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) The security arrangements for Shri Rajiv Gandhi and members of his family have been made after making necessary assessment of the threat in consultation with the concerned security agencies. Security agencies have also been asked to review the arrangements from time to time to enable Government to modify the arrangements as necessary.

Development of ports in Kerala

207. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider development of Major and Medium Ports of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the amount allocated for each of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The 8th Five Year Plan has been finalised and, therefore, allocation for the various schemes are not known at this stage.

Proposals for the 8th Five Year Plan includes schemes for development of Cochin Port which is the only Major port in Kerala coming under the Central Government.

Communal carnage as a sequel to Ram Shila processions

208. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale communal carnage took place during October-November, 1989 as a sequel to Ram Shila processions as reported in the newspapers;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons injured and killed and the number of houses and shops destroyed in arson and looting in different States; and

(c) the quantum of compensation paid to the families of victims thus affected and the measures taken to rehabilitate the sufferers?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Some communal clashes took place in some parts of the country during October-November, 1989.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments/U.T. Administrations.

Direction to Punjab Government

209. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently directed the Punjab Government to take some firm steps to deal with the increasing belligerency on the part of the militants in the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that some militant groups are again making use of places of worship as hideouts and for carrying out their operations; and

(c) if so, what steps the Punjab Government have since taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The Central Government keeps in touch with the State Government over the situation in the State,

shares intelligence with them and extend such assistance as may be required to deal with the situation.

(b) and (c) According to the Government of Punjab, no specific incident in this regard had come to notice. The Government of Punjab are making sustained efforts to keep religious places free from terrorists and political activities.

Law and order situation in Punjab

210. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the law and order situation in Punjab has been steadily deteriorating since the National Front Government have taken over at the Centre;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of the persons killed in the State belong to the Congress(I) and that migration of the minority community from the sensitive border districts is increasing; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take to control the terrorists activities in Punjab and to stop the migrtaion of minority communities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) There has been some rise in the incidence of terrorist violence in Punjab and migration of families belonging to the minority communities to States outside Punjab since November, 1989. The Government are aware that a number of innocent people have been killed by the terrorists, but information about the political affiliations of most of them is not known.

(c) The State Government are taking appropriate security measures to deal with the terrorist menace resulting in violence and migration. They have also evolved a comprehensive scheme for offering a package of incentives to persuade the families who had migrated out of Punjab to return to the State.

Identity cards in Punjab, Rajasthan and J & K

211. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to issue Identity Cards to the people residing in the border districts of Punjab, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the progress made therein;

(b) whether, in the adjoining districts near the border, a large number of Pakistanis are staying and are presently holding citizenship of both India and Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what further steps Government contemplate to check unauthorised entry of Pakistanis into India?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) A Pilot Scheme for issue of Identity Cards in four border districts of Rajasthan and two border districts of Gujarat is being implemented. Against a target coverage of 2,60,000 identity cards in Rajasthan and 57,680 Identity Cards in Gujarat, so far 2,08,150 and 53,507 Identity Cards have been issued in Rajasthan and Gujarat respectively.

Proposal for implementing the scheme in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir is still under consideration.

(b) Some Pakistani nationals were detected near the border who were claiming Indian citizenship.

(c) The Central and State Agencies are aware of the problem and are taking all the steps to check unauthorised entry of Pakistanis into India.